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WAINWRIGHT HOSPITAL BOARD HOLD MEETING

Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Wainwright Mun. Hospital Dist. No. 17, held on Saturday last, when there were present Messrs. J. Fuller, O. J. Gould, D. Gardiner and C. Bleasdale.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion of O. J. Gould, were adopted.

Moved by D. Gardiner—That Mr. Bear be notified that the Board do not contemplate making any change at present re milk supply.—Ord.

Moved by C. Bleasdale—That the Victor X-ray Co. note be paid in full May 1st.—Carried.

Moved by O. J. Gould—That secretary order wringer for the power washing machine.—Carried.

Moved by O. J. Gould—That the account with Grizzly Bear M. D. re Mrs. E. Myers be adjusted.—Ord.

Moved by C. Bleasdale—That the secretary make application to the Dept. of Health for one lung (being distributed free by Lord Nuffield).—Carried.

The report of the inspection of the fire equipment of the Wainwright hospital by J. Fuller and the Town Fire Chief was received. Equipment was found to be in good order with the exception of one length of fire hose, which was recommended to be replaced.

Moved by D. Gardiner—That Fire inspection report be accepted.—Ord.

Moved by O. J. Gould—That Board purchase 150 feet of fire hose.—Ord.

Moved by D. Gardiner—That Board apply for bond for Secretary.—Ord.

Moved by O. J. Gould—That sterilizing tank be purchased for the operating room.—Carried.

Moved by C. Bleasdale—That accounts totalling \$1,455.80 be accepted and cheques issued.—Carried.

Moved by D. Gardiner—That Chairman and Secretary or Vice-Chairman and Secretary be authorized to sign cheques.—Carried.

Matron's report for March:

Patients admitted 52
Operations, major 10
Operations, minor 7
Deaths 8
Hospital days 574

Moved by C. Bleasdale—That Matron's Report be accepted.—Ord.

Moved by C. Bleasdale—That one bed-table be purchased.—Ord.

Moved by O. J. Gould—That meeting adjourn.—Carried.

"Advertising is the voice of industry, telling us how to lead happier lives and how to make money go further."—Spalding Black.

"The real danger is the Fascist in our midst without a shirt—the Fascist mind in Canada."—James B. Thompson.

FULL HOUSE ATTENDS HIGH SCHOOL PLAY

The Irma high school dramatic class presented their annual play, "Little Miss Fortune," to a full house in Kiefer's hall on Thursday, April 6th. This was a very interesting play and was well received by the audience. Each member of the cast under the direction of their teacher, Mr. Reeds, handled their part in a very capable manner. Those taking part are as follows: Catherine Patterson, Stella Arnold, Lois Longmire, Ruth Reeds, Marjorie McFarland, Jacqueline Tate, Mina Currie, Max Webber, Neil McMillan, R. Simmermon and Henry Kasten. Between acts, the following numbers were contributed: Solo, "In A Little Gypsy Tea Room," Miss M. McFarland; solo "Just A Little Street Where Old Friends Meet," Miss Anna McMillan; and a cornet solo, "Viennese Refrain," by Mr. Robert Smith.

Athons Wins 4-2 To Keep Puck Cup

Goldfields, Sask., April 10.—Athons defeated Consolidated 4-2 in the final game of the Athabasca hockey league championship series and retained the title for the second year.

Led by Bobby Maguire, who counted twice, the Athons team had the margin of play and outskated the losers. Bob Muir and J. Schumski scored one each for Athons, with Harvey Dodge netting both of the losers' goals.

Athons—B. Maguire, N. Byrne, J. Muir, M. Evans, R. Maguire, R. Muir, I. Apps, R. Miron, J. Schumski, E. Leigh.
Consolidated—Silverman, H. Dodge, H. Carruthers, K. McDonald, W. Kerr, F. Danzig, J. Hanson, S. Caldwell, T. Embley.

Officials—Fred Hutchinson, J. Daffoe—Edmonton Journal.

B. and R. Maguire of the Athons team are Irma boys.

OBITUARY

JOHN BASKA
John Baska of Irma, Alberta, passed away in an Edmonton hospital on Thursday, April 6, 1939, age 46 years. He was born in Harkut, Hungary, January 1893, came to Canada in 1924 and to the Irma district in 1927 where he resided until a few weeks ago. He leaves his wife and four children in Hungary, and survived by one brother, Frank, of Irma. Interment was made in the Edmonton cemetery.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Irma Group of the C.C.F. at Irma on Thursday, April 18th. Everyone is invited to attend.

ALBERT DISTRICT NEWS

Miss Edith McRoberts is spending the Easter vacation with her parents. The U.F.A. meeting held in the school on Monday, April 10, was well attended. Mr. Hay and Mr. Griffiths were re-elected as president and secretary-treasurer. Over \$100 had come in to the local on the sale of gas and oil. It was decided to buy a new gas pump for the local filling station. There was considerable discussion about municipal doctor services being extended to township 47. A petition of protest against 60 cent wheat was signed. At the conclusion of the meeting a number of new members signed up. Next meeting will be held June 6th.

We are pleased to report that Mr. E. J. Jones is slowly improving in the Mannville hospital after several severe hemorrhages.

A truck-load of Albert residents attended the Irma high school play on April 6.

A card party was held on April 6. Prize winners were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Matthews.

The Albert W. I. library received a generous donation of books from Dr. Greenberg recently. The book shelves now contain approximately 60 books as well as magazines.

Police visited the district recently, investigating the theft of a horse belonging to Mr. W. D. Ramsay.

Mr. Harry Ellwood was taken to Mannville hospital suffering from rheumatism.

TENDERS

Tenders will be received by the Board of the Irma S.D. No. 2435 for the position of Janitor for the school. Tenders to be in the hands of the secretary not later than April 22nd. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

E. W. CARTER,
14c Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. Annie Graham Maguire, who passed away April 19, 1938.

One year has passed since that sad day.

The one we loved was called away:
God took her home, it was His will;
But in our hearts she liveth still.
—Ever remembered by Dad, Frank, Bob, Ben, Lila and Harvick.

United Church Notes

Rev. R. Longmire, Minister
Sunday, April 16th, 1939
Irma—Sunday school, 11 a.m.
Public Worship, 7.30 p.m.
Prayer and fellowship service on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.
A hearty welcome to all.

Anglican Church Notes

ST. MARY'S (Anglican) CHURCH
Rev. P. A. Richard, Vicar
Service will be held in St. Mary's church on Sunday, April 16th, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The World of Wheat

By H. G. L. Strange, Director,
"Crop Testing Plan"

"Farmers lose, over a term of years, as much money from root rot damage to their crops as they do from Black Stem Rust!"

This startling statement was made to me several years ago by a leading Canadian authority on plant diseases. All that I have heard since tends to confirm what he then said. But we know that rust has taken on the average, over a term of years, about 10% of the farmers' crops. The toll taken by these root rot diseases, too, therefore, must be very great. Can anything be done to stop this large steady annual loss?

Fortunately for the farmer it has been found that treating the seed before sowing with mercurial dust, Ceresan or Letyosan, greatly lessens damage from root rot diseases.

The mercurial dust treatment has the further advantage that it will also prevent damage from stinking smut or bunt.

The use of fertilizer, too, sown into the ground with the seed is now a common practice on our prairies. With it the crop matures earlier, shows a higher yield and the grain has a better grade. Besides this, fertilizer certainly decreases damage from wire worms. It is good practice and farmers, I recommend, should certainly consider it.

L. T. L. MEETING

The L. T. L. met Friday afternoon at the home of the leader, with the president, Mary Kusiek, in the chair. Roll call showed five visitors present. The meeting took on largely the character of an Easter program. One L.T.L. song was sung. A verse of Scripture was read and expounded. A poem, "Jesus Once Was a Little Child," was recited in unison. The Legion Hymn was given by all standing. The triple pledge repeated by pledged members. The "sell" characteristically vociferated.

An Easter story was read by Joyce Foxwell; a story of spring seed sowing and summer flowers, by Betty Lou Hockett; a review story was cited giving the case of an Edmonton boy whose blood became so poisoned by cigarette smoking that a change wound on one of his wrists refused to heal until, by order of the attending physician, he stopped smoking.

A few Easter games were played, one being substituted for "The Bunny" for which material was lacking. Refreshments were served, consisting of varieties of Hot Cross Buns and cocoa.

The meeting adjourned with the Missal benediction.

W.C.T.U. MEETING

The W.C.T.U. met Wednesday afternoon of last week. Considerable correspondence was submitted. Local superintendents of departments were instructed to report to their respective district superintendents before May 1 in order to allow the latter time for compilation of their reports to submit to District Convention to be held in Vermilion May 9 and 10.

Plans were made for raising funds for the local Scientific Temperance Contest prizes.

The recent petition to close beer parlors during the visit of Their Majesties in June was discussed.

The matter of financing the L.T.L. was taken under consideration.

The project of a Matrons' Medal Contest was further discussed.

Two visitors were present.

The rank of the local contestants in the Irma high school entries to the recent Scientific Temperance Contest are as follows:

Essays, grades 11-12, "The Evil Effects of Alcohol"—1st, H. M. Congdon; 2nd, Agnes Craig.

Essays, grades 9-10, "The Person who Smokes is Not Fair to His Employer, to His Fellow-workers, Himself nor to His Country"—1st, Lois Longmire; 2nd, Geoffrey Inklin; 3rd, Ruby Carrington.

Viking Items.

The amalgamated choirs of the Viking United church and the Anglican church have been busy this week putting the finishing touches on the comic opera, "Rose of the Danube" to be presented in the Elks hall Friday evening, April 14th, commencing at 8.30 o'clock.

There are plenty of lilting tunes, choruses, duets, solos and ensemble numbers, comedy, tragedy and startling situations to satisfy the most fastidious.

One of the important business changes in the community during the past week was the sale of the Broughton barber shop to Mr. Ted Hagen, who has been assisting Mr. Broughton during the rush hours. Charles is not in the best of health and we understand he will seek a new location in a lower altitude, either in Canada or the United States. He has conducted the Viking barber shop for the past 20 years and has a host of friends who will regret to see him and his estimable wife and son Junior leave our community. We understand the new proprietor will take charge at the end of this week. Miss Josephine Kienitz will remain in the hair dressing department. Ted is a popular young man and we bespeak for him every success in his new venture.

One of the first signs of a building boom for Viking this year is an addition being built to the office of the M. D. of Iron Creek. J. E. Ash and son are doing the work. Sister Marie Celina, of the Wainwright Separate school staff, paid a visit to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Havens, on Tuesday. Sister Celina will be remembered as Miss Collette Havens who left some years ago to take up studies at Peiherbo, Ont., to prepare for her present profession.

What Air Waves Are Saying Over C J C A

KILOCYCLING... By Walter Dales

Royal Visit Broadcasts

Elaborate arrangements for radio coverage of the visit to Canada of their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth were recently completed at a Toronto Conference of Network officials.

Arrival of the royal party will witness an all-time record in Canadian radio history as fifty engineers and announcers are assigned to broadcast this historic event. The King is scheduled to make five speeches in Canada while Queen Elizabeth, according to present plans, will make at least one public address. Most of the formal talks by the royal couple will be heard over the nationwide network of the C B C and will be heard in Northern and Central Alberta through C J C A.

Details of their Majesties' departure from Portsmouth, England, aboard the battleship, HMS Repulse, on Saturday, May 6, will be broadcast by BBC. On the following Saturday, May 13, and the next day, May 14, descriptions as the King and Queen start their itinerary in Canada will be shortwaved from the Canadian cruiser "Gaganyaan" in the St. Lawrence River.

A spectacular demonstration has been arranged for Monday, May 15, when the Repulse arrives at the City of Quebec river front. Here, the royal entourage will head a huge parade from the St. Lawrence to the Government Buildings. Later King George will deliver a speech at a formal luncheon in the Chateau Frontenac which will be heard by C J C A listeners. From Quebec the royal party proceeds to Montreal and then on to Ottawa where the King is scheduled to speak at the ceremonies Thursday, May 18, marking unveiling of a war memorial in the Plaza.

Welcome to the Royal Guests

Sound, ye bitter chords of turmoil,
Death unto your toothsome strain,
Spurn the rocky air of tumult,
Let us have our peace again.
We have neither time nor penchant
For your mouldy, stinging taste;
We leap forth to meet our monarch
And to bid him welcome. Haste!

Ne'er before has reigning monarch
Laid his foot on our domain;
Ne'er before a queen betridden
Soil within our revered plane;
Ne'er such honor been conceded
To the people of our land.
Wake up, patriot! Do not linger—
Grasp the reverend, kindly hand.

Shine away the gloomy shadows,
Let the furious world rush on;
Pause, and mark the page of history;
This event shall ever dawn;
Pause, give way to brighter moments.
Royal guests are with us. Sing—
Let a million faithful voices
Thunder loud—"God Save the King."

—By Berthold Figue,
Innisfree, Alberta.

VIKING HEREFORD BULL BRINGS HIGH PRICE AT CALGARY.

(From The Viking News)
The Viking district generally, and Mr. W. C. Bissell especially, came in to prominence last week at the Calgary bull sale when Mr. Bissell's pure bred Hereford two-year-old bull, Blanchard 62nd, brought \$1,525.00 when sold to P. Burns & Co., and will head their large herd in the Calgary district. This price was the highest paid in the province for the past 28 years. Mr. Bissell also sold three other animals from his herd, and the average price for the four bulls was \$621.00.

Mr. Bissell was elected vice-president of the Hereford breeders' association, and also holds the position of president of the provincial cattle breeders' association. We join in extending congratulations to Mr. Bissell on his success with this particular breed of cattle.

George Cottrell accompanied him to Calgary and assisted in grooming and taking the proper care of the animals, a job that George does very well indeed.

THE C. N. RAILWAY

Ottawa, Ont., April 11.—A decrease in operating expenses of \$4,619,546 in 1938, despite a heavy increase in wage and material costs, was effected by the management of the Canadian National Railways, S. J. Hungeford, chairman and president, stated in the annual report of the railway system submitted on behalf of the Board of Directors and tabled in the House of Commons today by Honourable C. D. Howe, Minister of Transport. The result of operations shows that this reduction in expenses was not sufficient, however, to offset the decline in gross operating revenues due to the continuation throughout the greater part of 1938 of the recession of general business activity which began in the latter part of the previous year.

Gross operating revenues totalled \$182,241,728 during 1938, a decrease of \$16,184,288 as compared with 1937. This reduction in railway revenues, the report points out, marks the first setback from a slow but steady annual increase since 1933. While the decline in business in 1938 was a continuation of the general recession that started in the latter part of 1937, the prospects for 1939 are considered more favorable.

"The situation in 1938 was not peculiar to Canada," the report continues. "In the United States the railroads suffered one of the worst years in history of transportation. In Great Britain the slump in railway revenues gave much concern to railway management in that country and was the subject of appeal to the British Minister of Transport with particular reference to necessity for equality in competition in the transportation field."

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"But your hands are all black."
"I know—I patted the engine."



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Cost Of Government

Probably very few people who join in the popular clamour for government expenditure for relief, for public and social services, for subsidies and for numerous other expenditures, too often with the idea of benefiting themselves beyond actual needs or to gain something for their community realize the expense they are adding upon themselves and upon their children.

If they did, it is probable that many of the demands which are made upon the federal, provincial and municipal governments would be considerably curtailed and some of them would not be made at all. The people themselves would be more vigilant in their efforts to prevent relief racketeering such as was recently revealed in criminal court proceedings in one of the municipalities in Saskatchewan and the public conscience would result in curtailment of some of the demands which are constantly being made for services, favors and concessions which the country is unable to afford at the present time.

Governments are not altogether to blame if they yield to constant and enormous pressure which is constantly being brought to bear upon them for unnecessary expenditures or for services for which the means are not forthcoming without pledging the country, the province or the municipality to indebtedness beyond ability to repay.

It is the people themselves who thoughtlessly make demands without counting the cost and who regard the governments as a widow's crust of oil who are culpable, and until they fully realize what the cost of government is to them as individuals, the avalanche of demands for more services of one kind and another is not likely to abate.

Unappreciated Costs

One of the difficulties of bringing home to the public consciousness the burden which the people must carry as a result of these demands for multiple government and increasing services is the fact that much of the taxation imposed to pay for it is the indirect form, what might appropriately be termed hidden taxes.

The average man or woman who goes into a store to spend a dime or a dollar is not conscious, or at the best only vaguely aware, of the fact that a percentage of that dime or that dollar is going towards the cost of government and government services. A portion of the dime or the dollar goes to the federal government, sometimes another slice of it goes to the provincial government, and in some cases all three governments take a share of that dime or that dollar.

Even those who have a dim conception that when they are purchasing commodities and services they are contributing towards the cost of one or more governments have not the faintest idea of what proportion of the money they are spending goes for that purpose. If they did, it is more than probable that the governments would not be subjected to this continual bombardment for more and more expenditure.

As already intimated it is difficult for people to appreciate and realize the cost of government and government services largely for the reasons mentioned, but one authority, Capt. W. C. C. Innes, managing director of the Taxpayers' Association of Canada, in a recent article in the Labour Review declared that "our contributions by indirect taxation are about two-thirds of the total taxes collected."

The same author states that the public debt is now approximately eight billion dollars of which \$500,000,000 has been spent on relief in various forms with prospects that it will reach a total of one billion dollars this summer. The annual interest charge on this big debt, he states is \$300,000,000 which divided equally among the eleven million people inhabiting the country means an average yearly charge of \$28 per person. Very properly, of course, the burden is not equally divided, for those with larger incomes contribute a larger share than those with smaller incomes on the basis of one of the fundamental principles of taxation, "ability to pay."

Without An Asset

Of the many problems facing the country and which have been responsible for building up a heavy debt, Capt. Innes rightly regards the unemployment problem as the most serious, not only because of the large sums which have been spent on direct relief without any return for the expenditure in the form of assets, but because of the effect of this system of aid upon the morale of the recipients.

Reference has already been made to the baneful effect of direct relief as accomplished in recent court cases and there is no question but that much of the cause for complaint against this type of aid would disappear if a policy of requiring some return in the form of work for the money spent by all the governments concerned in the administration of relief were adopted.

As Capt. Innes appropriately comments in the concluding paragraph of his article: "There is a growing tendency to rely on the governments for this, that and the other thing, not realizing that we, the people, are the government, and in the long run we pay in full for our unthinking selfishness and folly."

Helped By Office Staff

Man Able To Hold Job Because Colleagues Were Kind

Here is a story to match the one we had a while ago about members of a Toronto office staff clubbing together to pay for plastic surgery to the scarred face of a fellow-employee. A young chap in another local office became deaf through mauling caused by diving. The handicap was affecting his work and blighting his life generally. Quietly his colleagues chipped in and bought a hearing instrument for him—one of those wonderful, inconspicuous things that work by bone conduction of sound, or something. He could never have afforded it himself, since he is the main support of his family. The thoughtfulness of his workaday associates has made things worth while for him again, and gone is the haunting fear that deafness would handicap his future. —Toronto Telegram.

Napoleon Was Honored

Napoleon in 1802 was made an honorary member of the American Academy of the Arts soon after his Egyptian campaign led to finding the Rosetta Stone, key to reading Egypt's hieroglyphics.

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Map Changes

British Map Makers Losing A Lot Of Money These Days

Adolf Hitler and other European "map changers" are costing Britain's five big map making concerns a total of about \$52,000 a month, it was said recently.

The five concerns alone have destroyed or re-printed more than 1,000,000 maps in the last four years. Some of the companies were just issuing new maps of Asia and Ethiopia when the Czech crisis developed. They stopped the presses in order to get the European changes also.

A one year supply is usually kept in stock. The Czech changes necessitated alterations on more than 250,000 maps, including the names of many towns that became German. The only consolation for the companies is that the public now is more "map conscious" and sales are up.

Visitors On Lonely Isle

Passengers From Liner Left Gifts At Tristan da Cunha

Women visitors were landed recently at Tristan da Cunha, perhaps for the first time in history. Believed to be the world's loneliest settled island, this south Atlantic spot was visited recently by passengers of a liner and gifts left with the 130 inhabitants. Subsisting on meagre produce of a barren, rocky island, the dwellers refuse to leave and are not bothered about a radio set that never works.

To-day's mince pies are descendants of England's popular "mince pie" of 1500, "minced" pie of Queen Elizabeth's time, and the "shred pie" of 1700.

It is said that 80th broadcasts for missing relatives of sick persons are successful in 54 per cent of the cases.

THAT REMINDS ME—THERE'S MORE VALUE FOR THE MONEY IN OGDEN'S



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No Commercial Value

But Islands Taken Over By Japan Are Good Air Bases

The government at Tokyo has notified France that Japan was assuming jurisdiction over the Spratly Islands in the China sea—strategic coral group midway between French Indo-China and British North Borneo. France occupied the islands in 1933. The group of seven islands have an area of 247 acres but are without great commercial value. However they surround lagoons which could afford harbor facilities for seaplanes, submarines and small naval craft. Occupation of the islands by France in 1933 was the first claim to ownership since their discovery in 1867.

SELECTED RECIPES

BUTTER CAKE

2 cups sifted cake flour
2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter or other shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg, unbeaten
3/4 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
Sift flour, once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg and beat very thoroughly. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla. Bake in two greased 8-inch layer pans in moderate oven (375 degrees F.) 25 minutes, or until done.

BANANA GINGER CREAM CAKE

Use recipe for Butter Cake. Bake in breaded pan, 8x8x2 inches, in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 50 minutes, or until done. Split cake in half to make two layers. For filling whip 1 cup cream and fold in 2 tablespoons chopped candied ginger. Spread bottom layer of cake with about half of whipped cream; cover with banana slices. Adjust top layer, spread with remaining whipped cream, and garnish with border of banana slices. Takes two to three bananas.

JELLY TIER CAKES

Use recipe for Butter Cake. Bake in greased cup-cake pans in moderate oven (375 degrees F.) 20 minutes, or until done. Cut each cake crosswise, to make three layers. Beat 1 cup tart jelly with fork until of right consistency to spread. Spread between layers and on top of cakes. Whip 1 cup cream and spread on sides of cakes. Makes 2 dozen cakes.

Salvador Dali, prominent surrealist painter, claims that it is enough to create paintings without being asked to interpret them. Besides a true surrealist should not concern himself with such a minor matter as meaning.

A new magnet about half the size of a man's wedding ring, which picks up a five-pound flatiron, was recently announced. This new lodestone is the most powerful permanent one in the world.

Is Your Back Sore?

IF your back is sore and you must get up several times at night, you will find Dr. Pierce's Backache Tablets very beneficial. Mrs. Emily Wright, 378 Henry St., Woodstock, Ont., says: "My kidneys called me up several times at night. Rheumatoid pains developed through my body. I could scarcely take my arm above my head and could hardly turn in bed. I was on my feet and on my back. I tried many remedies but nothing helped. I have had no such trouble since." Buy Dr. Pierce's Backache Tablets at your drug store.

The Naval Race

United States To Build World's Largest Battleships

The President has exercised the right given to him by the Naval Expansion Act of 1938 and has given the navy authority to proceed with the construction of two 45,000-ton battleships.

Behind the debate over the Naval Expansion Act lay an Italian newspaper story to the effect that Japan had laid down two 42,000-ton battleships.

That story, printed in the Fall of 1937, has not been confirmed from Japanese sources, but how successful the Japanese are in guarding the details of their naval building program may be judged from the following: In a recent compilation of information relating to the navy of the principal powers, prepared by the British First Lord of the Admiralty, under Japan, battleships, building and projected, is found the terse entry, "Not Known."

Presumably the President and his naval advisers have discovered more evidence than the Italian newspaper article of 1937 affords that Japan or some other Power is building battleships larger than 35,000 tons.

What the 45,000-ton battleship means to national defence the layman perhaps is not qualified to say, though he may be inclined to think it appears, if it does not touch, the policy of putting all your eggs in one basket. Since the cost of naval construction increases disproportionately to the increase of tonnage battleships of 45,000 tons may be expected to cost in excess of \$100,000,000 apiece.

So far as available information goes, the two battleships authorized by the President would be the world's biggest, exceeding by almost 3,000 tons the British battle cruiser Hood and by 10,000 tons the battleships which the French and British have under construction.—New York Sun.

Natural Gas Dynamite

New Powerful High Explosive Is Announced By American Chemical Society

Natural gas dynamite, a new, cheap, powerful high explosive, was announced by the American Chemical Society.

The discovery means it was stated, limitless quantities of high explosives can be made from air, natural gas and steam alone.

A new chemical synthesis, discovered at Purdue University, extracts from natural gas two new explosives, each as destructive as nitroglycerine, the high of all detonating explosives.

The synthesis was reported by Professor Henry B. Hass, head of the chemistry department, Purdue University.

One of the new destroyers is made from methane, common "fire-dramp" or marsh gas, and abundant in natural gas. The other is from ethane, a colorless, odorless gas also found in natural gas.

Each condenses to a solid when treated with formic acid. Nitrogen is then added. This makes a mixture which can substitute for nitroglycerine.

Germany Buys Cotton

Takes Entire Crop From Nicaragua On Barter Basis

Germany has purchased on a barter basis the entire cotton crop of Nicaragua and also large quantities of coffee, cottonseed oil, rubber, hides, deerskins and cabinet woods of all classes. Large German tramp ships are now loading at Corinto, Nicaragua will receive in return banded wire, nails, Diesel trucks, automobiles, hardware and pharmaceutical products. Producers would prefer to sell for cash, but other countries cannot purchase all Nicaragua's exportable products.

Age Limit Raised

The London Daily Mail says men are not too old at 40 in the Navy. The Admiralty has decided, as a temporary measure, that candidates for the warrant rank of Gunner (T)—torpedo branch—shall be eligible for promotion up to the age of 40, instead of 35 as now. Reason: A shortage of petty officers who wish to become warrant officers.

Must Expect A Prisoner

The London Times says Sir Parliament, the smallest in the world, has decided to repair the roof of its prison, which has housed only three prisoners in a hundred years. Once a servant girl being shut in the little cell for stealing was anyone at being left alone; so the door was left wide open that she might be cheered up by seeing the passer-by.

The Zoological Survey of India reports that snails—when completely starved—can live on reserves of food in their tissues for about four months.

Not Normal Music

Jazz Result Of Cultivated Musical Degeneracy, States Authority

There has somehow been circulated the idea that jazz is the normal music of the common people. On the contrary, it is highly artificial, the result of a cultivated musical depravity, says Dr. James Francis Cook, in the *Etude*. A few years ago, an explorer took a field-radio on an expedition to the jungles of the Orinoco River. The white men almost invariably demanded jazz; the Indians, who had never been out of the jungles, who had never heard of any white man's music, went into raptures over grand opera and symphony concerts. And when Kentucky mountaineers travel 20 to 30 miles by wagon and by mule-back just to hear a program at a listening broadcast station, they show a curious disdain for jazz. They are instantly delighted by the better music and the symphonic programs, but hold their ears when the noise of the Harlem bedlamites is turned on. Their natural taste has never been perverted.

Lag In Research

Is Hampered By The Lack Of Workshop Accommodation

Scientific research in Canada is hampered by lack of workshop accommodation and scarcity of skilled mechanical assistants at many of the country's universities, Dr. Charles D. Ellis, head of the University of London's department of physics, believes.

Dr. Ellis is surveying Canadian research centers, in the invitation of the Conference of Canadian Universities and with the support of the Carnegie Foundation.

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Customs officers said the rings, cleverly hidden in the highly-spiced, home-made Bologna, were found when Dominion agriculture department officials, acting under government regulations, confiscated the meat shortly after the woman arrived in the Duchesse of Richmond.

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World of Sport

By H. B. C.

The Salt Flats in Utah are again to see attempts to break the land speed record held by George Eyston, 357.5 miles per hour. John Cobb is the seeker after fame. Last year he succeeded in reaching the record of 350.2 and thereby held the world record for about 24 hours. For it was the very next day that Eyston sped over the same course and attained a speed no man had ever experienced on land before.

Lack of self-control is penalized in hockey as it is in no other game. A player in baseball may show petulance

and feel as mad as he likes against an opposing player, without incurring a penalty. But when the boy with the crooked stick lets his temper out of control and permits him to do a little crooked trick, then follows frequently a sentence that spells disaster. The "crazy" fellow is benched and the team left a man short. This handicap often means that the winning goal is scored. A good definition of insanity is "Lack of self control". Hockey knows what to do with the fellow who goes insane, though unfortunately the whole team has to suffer as a result.

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It is the 21 yards made here which provide employment for 21,000 Canadians, who work in the 42 mills scattered throughout the Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario, mainly in the smaller centres of population. These workers have their families, they support the local business communities and make a market for farm products from all over the country. And they work in part with materials purchased from other Canadian industries—employing other thousands of Canadians. A significant portion of the employment on the Dominion's railways is engaged in hauling the quarter of a million tons of materials annually into cotton mills, in addition to their outgoing freight.

LOCALS

Mrs. Arnold is a visitor in Edmonton this week.

Mrs. H. Vingerud is visiting in Edmonton this week.

Mr. Alex. Smallwood in an Edmonton visitor this week.

Mr. Melverne Raham of Trail, B.C., is home on a visit.

Miss Mildred Hill of Edmonton spent Easter at her home here.

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Mr. J. S. Reeds is attending the Alberta teachers' convention in Edmonton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Peterson of Ribstone visited their son, E. W. Peterson and family at Easter time.

Don't forget the Silver Tea at Mrs. Pryce Jones' on Saturday, April 22, sponsored by the St. Mary's W. A.

Mrs. E. W. Carter is attending the Provincial Convention of the L.O.B.A. in Calgary this week as the delegate from Irma Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lawson and the twins, Shirley and George, of Hardisty, were visitors in Irma on Good Friday.

At the March meeting of St. Mary's W. A. it was decided to hold a Silver Tea at the home of Mrs. Pryce Jones on Saturday, April 22nd.

A regular meeting of the Irma W. M. S. will be held at the home of Mrs. Fletcher on Thursday, April 20th, at 3 p.m. All ladies cordially invited.

Mr. A. A. Fischer sold off his farm machinery and livestock by auction last Tuesday and is renting his land to his son-in-law, Mr. E. P. Darling.

Misses Ethel Tate and Anna Tweedie, Normal school students, spent the Easter holidays at their homes and are doing their practice teaching in the Irma district.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Smallwood and daughter of Cadogan spent Easter at the Smallwood home in Irma. Mr. and Mrs. Smallwood plan to spend the summer at Cadogan.

Mr. Wm. Boldue of Chauvin has bought out the Ford garage in Irma and is now in charge. Mr. E. W. Peterson, the former proprietor, will continue as Massey-Harris agent for the Irma district.

The death of Mr. Percy Love of Edmonton occurred Saturday, April 8th. The deceased was a brother of H. W. Love, formerly of Irma, and made a few visits to Irma several years ago where he will be remembered by a number of the older residents.

Helen Samunek, permanent wax expert, will be in Irma at the home of Mrs. Carter on Wednesday and Thursday, April 26 and 27. Arrangements are being made to have all out of town customers on Thursday, 27th. Special prices to suit everyone. All the way from 3.25 to \$6. Phone 39.

Soup
A Few Noodles by Tun

"Now be sure and write plain on them bottles which is for the boys and which is for my husband," said a farmer's wife in a drug store at Holden. "I don't want nothing to happen to that horse."

Jubb—"What does that young boy of yours do?"

Pegrew—"He's a girl scout."

Jubb—"You mean a boy scout?"

Pegrew—"No, he's always out scouting for girls."

A Montana oil man was consoling a race horse owner and made his suggestion: "Why don't you call your horse 'Bad News'! That always gets around fast."

Wife (on the street)—"John, here comes the man I was engaged to before I married you. Now, for goodness sake, perk up and look as though you were happy."

Politician to railroad superintendent: "Can't you give my friend a job on your railroad?"

Superintendent: "But he can't speak English."

Politician: "Well, then, give him a job calling out trains."

Heard at the school house: Teacher (to youngster)—"Can you tell the class how the age of a chicken can be determined?"

Youngster—"By the teeth."

Teacher—"Why, chickens have no teeth."

Youngster—"No'm, but we have."

When the bus pulled up at the bus depot the other day a traveller shouted to a kid on the sidewalk and said: "Here's 50 cents. Get me a chicken sandwich and one for yourself." Just as the bus started to pull out the kid ran out of the restaurant and handed the man a quarter through the window and said: "Here's your quarter, mister. They had only one chicken sandwich."

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